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Inspection of Norwegian steamship Hiso from Veracruz, at Gulfport, Miss.—Conditions good.

Surgeon Wertenbaker, at New Orleans, forwards the following,

received from health officer at Gulfport:

July 3, 1904. The steamship *Hiso*, from Veracruz, via Mobile quarantine, came into this port Friday without pratique, except from Mobile. She was fumigated at Veracruz and again at Mobile and had the latter's pratique. Her bill of health showed 3 cases of yellow fever at Veracruz.

She could not be entered here, so the circumstances were wired the Treasury Department, which admitted her on certificate of health officer. I inspected her yesterday, and all her crew are well, and the captain says there has been no sickness on board at any time. Will report to you later on.

July 10, 1904.

Nothing of importance has developed during the week. We have had one death, and that, as far as I can learn, was from typhoid fever. There were some sporadic cases of intermittent malarial fever.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.

Ponds of the Laredo Water Company suspected as breeding places for mosquitoes.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson reports, July 1, concerning ponds of water on the island in the Rio Grande used as filtering and settling tanks, that during the past month the attention of the water company was called to the possibility of their acting as breeding grounds, and the company promised to take proper steps at once. A careful inspection, however, failed to find any larvæ or mosquitoes, and the ponds were found to contain numerous little fish.

Work of sanitary department of San Antonio, Tex., for month of June, 1904.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Purnell reports, July 2, as follows: Premises inspected, 12,208; premises found filthy, 165; notices served to clean premises, 165; notices complied with, 149; barrels screened, 63; sewer connections made during month, 53; houses fumigated, 19; rooms fumigated, 117; cellars fumigated, 3; cisterns fumigated, 2;

wells fumigated, 5.

Mortality in San Antonio, month of June, 1904.—Asthma, 1; malarial fever, 3; pulmonary tuberculosis, 23; cholera morbus, 1; measles, 3; rheumatism, 2; septicæmia, 1; enteric fever, 3; cerebral carcinoma, 1; syphilis, 1; diphtheria, 3; meningitis, 3; paralysis, 3; cerebral embolism, 1; convulsions, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; aortic regurgitation, 1; mitral insufficiency, 1; heart disease, 1; bronchitis, 1; pneumonia, 3; hemorrhage of lungs, 1; gastro-enteritis, 10; hyperæmia of liver, 1; perforation of bowels, 1; appendicitis, 1; enterocolitis, 1; dysentery, 6; cholera infantum, 3; cirrhosis of liver, 3; enteritis, 3;